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Examiner Brian J. Broadhead  
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Re: U.S. Patent Application of Dennis A. Borugian  
For *System for Preventing Unauthorized Trailer Uncoupling*  
Serial No.: 10/091,888  
Filed: March 6, 2002

Dear Mr. Broadhead:

Attached is an amendment for discussion during a telephone interview for application Serial No. 10/091,888. An Office Action was mailed in this application on April 2, 2004 and a Response to this Office Action is due tomorrow with a two month extension of time. Please let me know if you will be available to conduct a telephone interview regarding this application and this proposed amendment tomorrow.

Best regards,



Kenneth J. Smith

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Dennis A. Borugian

Serial No.: 10/091,888

Group Art Unit: 3661

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For: SYSTEM FOR PREVENTING UNAUTHORIZED TRAILER UNCOUPLING

Docket No.: 16-121

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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450**AMENDMENT FOR DISCUSSION**  
**DO NOT ENTER****Proposed Claim Amendments for Discussion During Telephone Interview:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method of monitoring a vehicle trailer uncoupling, comprising:
  - a) defining a planned trailer uncoupling area;
  - b) automatically determining that the trailer has been uncoupled outside said planned uncoupling area; and
  - c) determining a location of the trailer with a global positioning system.
  
2. (Currently Amended) A method of monitoring a vehicle trailer uncoupling, comprising:
  - a) defining a planned trailer uncoupling area;
  - b) automatically determining that the trailer has been uncoupled outside said planned uncoupling area; and
  - c) determining a location of the trailer with a global positioning system; and,

d) taking a picture of a vehicle driver when it is determined that the trailer has been uncoupled outside the planned uncoupling area.

9. (Currently Amended) A method of monitoring a vehicle trailer uncoupling, comprising:

- a) defining a planned trailer uncoupling area;
- b) automatically determining that the trailer has been uncoupled outside said planned uncoupling area; and
- c) automatically securing the trailer.

12. (Amended) A method of monitoring a vehicle trailer uncoupling, comprising:

- a) defining a planned trailer uncoupling area;
- b) automatically determining that the trailer has been uncoupled outside said planned uncoupling area; and
- c) automatically securing said trailer by deflating a tire of said trailer.

#### REMARKS

The currently rejected independent claims are presented above with amendments for discussion during a telephone interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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